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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM

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FOR ALDRICH FROM LEGAL ADVISER

1. LINE OMITTED IN PARA 1 REFTEL. FOLLOWING IS CORRECTED  
COPY PARA 1: TO GIVE YOU FURTHER BACKGROUND ON ABOVE  
SUBJECT, TEAM CONSISTS OF SEVENTEEN (17) UNIFORMED AIR  
FORCE PERSONNEL. THEY ARE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS  
WHO ALSO HAVE TRAINING IN THE COMPUTER USED IN THE SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THERE HAVE APPARENTLY  
BEEN SOME PROBLEMS IN THE RECEIPT, STORAGE AND ACCOUNTING  
FOR CERTAIN HIGH-PRIORITY SPARE PARTS NEEDED TO REPAIR  
GROUNDED AIRCRAFT, AND TEAM IS THERE TO HELP IDENTIFY AND  
WORK OUT THESE PROBLEMS. ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS BETTER  
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COORDINATION BETWEEN US AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE SUPPLY SYSTEMS

AND ENHANCING EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR AID PROGRAM. WE UNDER-STAND FROM DOD THAT TEAM ORIGINALLY STAYED IN VIETNAM ONLY THREE WORKING DAYS AT A TIME TO COMPLY WITH MISSION/DOD RULE LIMITING STAY OF TRANSIENT MILITARY PERSONNEL TO THREE WORKING DAYS. (THIS RULE WAS INSTITUTED ON FEBRUARY 2, 1973, BY SECDEF. UNDER THIS RULE, TRANSIENTS

ARE EXEMPT FROM DAO PERSONNEL CEILING OF FIFTY MILITARY PERSONNEL.) SINCE STORY HAS BROKEN, WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY HAS WAIVED THREE-DAY RULE AND TEAM REMAINING IN VIETNAM ON CONTINUING BASIS. INGERSOLL

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